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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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To: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Attorney Docket No.:1081.1055	
First Named Inventor	Yoshio KITAMURA		
Application No.	08/932,427	Group Art Unit	2188
Filing Date	September 17, 1997	Examiner	Portka, G.
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	5306
Title of Invention	RAID APPARATUS AND ACCESS CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR WHICH BALANCES THE USE OF THE DISK UNITS (AS AMENDED)		
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.			
1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted			
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____			
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed			
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)			
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
2. Miscellaneous			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

				BASIC FEE		\$ 770.00	
Since an Official Action set an original due date of <u>June 30, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):							950.00
Claims As Amended	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	10	20	- 20 =	0	X \$18.00	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	7	7	- 3 =	0	X \$86.00	=	\$ 0.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)							
Total of above Calculations =							\$ 1720.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).							
TOTAL FEES DUE =							\$ 1720.00
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:							
6. METHOD OF PAYMENT							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>\$1720.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)							
7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: Deposit Account No. 19-3935.							
8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS							
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  21171 <small>PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</small>							
9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED							
NAME	Gene M. Garner II			REGISTRATION NO.	34,172		
SIGNATURE				DATE	<u>Sept. 30, 2004</u>		